what financial and commercial incentives Government propose to give fbi^such Virginia tobacco exports in the forthcoming year; and

the steps proposed to assist Andhra Pradesh farmers in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No export targets are fixed for agricultural commodities, including Virginia tobacco.

(b) The quantity of tobacco expected to be exported during 2006-07 is about 1,45,000 tons.

(cj The Government extends DEPB credit of 2% on FOB value of all types of tobacco including Virginia tobacco.

(d) The Tobacco Board provides assistance to tobacco farmers through various Extension & Developmental schemes for improving the quality and production of tobacco in tune with the changing international demand and quality. The Board extends subsidy from 25% to 50% to the growers under various schemes such as Farm Mechanization, Integrated Pest Management, Energy conversation measures like fixing venturi furnaces to Barns and Roof insulation to the Barns etc. The Board also helps farmers in construction of mini check dams/farm ponds for irrigation of tobacco crops and arranges input loans & crop loans.

Establishment of Disaster Management Commissions

*365. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

the State Governments which have not yet established the State Disaster Management Commission;

the reasons therefor; and

the details of the disaster that have taken place in different States, natural or man-made, after formation of the Central and State Disaster Management Commissions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) According to available information 18 State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have constituted the State Disaster Management Authorities. These are; Andaman & Nicobar, Chandigar, Dadra & Nagar Heveli, Delhi, Gujarat, Kerala, I akshdweep,

Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, and Uttar Pradesh. The remaining State Governments/UT Administrations have been advised to constitute Disaster Management Authorities in terms of the Piaster Management Act, 2005 enacted on 23rd December, 2005. The State Governments/UT Administrations which have already constituted the said Disaster Management Authorities have also been advised to ensure that their constitution is in conformity with the provisions of the Act or their Acts. The dates on which the relevant provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 will come into force in different States/UTs will be notified in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations. They have already been addressed in the matter.

(c) Major disasters reported to have taken place in States/UTs after the formation of the State Disaster Management Authorities are given below:—

SI. No. Name of the State/UT	Major Disasters reported after the formation of the State Disaster Management Authority
1 2	3
1. Andaman & Nicobar	Tsunami 26th December 2004
2. Gujarat	Heavy rains/floods-2005
3. Kerala	Tsunami 26th December 2004 Heavy rains/floods-2005
4. Nagaland	Floods-2004 Floods/Cloud burst/landslide-2005
5. Orissa	Drought 2000-01 Floods-2001, Floods-2003
6. Rajasthan	Drought-2003-04 Drought-2004-05 Hailstorms-2005
7. Skkim	Heavy rains/landslides/fioods-2005 Earthquake of 14 February 2006
8. Tamil Nadu	Tsunami 26th December 2004 Cyclonic storms/Heavy rains/floods-2005
9. Tripura	Floods-2004
10. Uttar Pradesh	Hailstorm-2005 Floods-2005